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“AN ACT IN RELATION TO ETHICAL STANDARDS
AND DISCLOSURE OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN ILLI-
NOIS GOVERNMENT.”

(Act approved August 21, 1967, S.B. 506, effective January 1, 1968. Title as amended by Public Act 77-1806 effective January 24, 1972.)

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. DEFINITIONS.

§ 1-101. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.”

§ 1-102. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms described in Sections 1-103 through 1-114 have the meanings ascribed to them in those Sections.

§ 1-103. Repealed by Public Act 77-1806, approved January 24, 1972.

§ 1-104. “Compensation” means any money, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred on, or received by, any person in return for services rendered, or to be rendered, by himself or another.

§ 1-105. “Economic opportunity” means any purchase, sale, lease, contract, option, or other transaction or arrangement involving property or services wherein a legislator may gain an economic benefit. The term shall not include gifts.

§ 1-106. “Legislative interest” means a substantial economic interest, distinct from that of the general public, in one or more legislative matters.

§ 1-107. “Legislative matter” means any bill, resolution, nomination, or other issue or proposal pending before the General Assembly or any committee, subcommittee, or commission thereof.

§ 1-108. “Legislator” means a member or member-elect of the General Assembly.

§ 1-109. “Lobbying” means promoting or opposing in any manner the passage by the General Assembly of any legislative matter affecting the interests of any individual, association or corporation as distinct from those of the people of the State as a whole.

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§ 1-110. "Lobbyist" means any person required to be registered under "An Act concerning lobbying and providing a penalty for violation thereof", approved July 10, 1957, as amended.

§ 1-111. "Person" or "entity" means an individual, proprietorship, partnership, association, trust, estate, business trust, group, or corporation, whether or not operated for profit, or a governmental agency, unit, or subdivision.

§ 1-112. "Person with whom the legislator maintains a close economic association" means a person associated with the legislator in a partnership, association or professional service corporation, whether as partner, officer, employee, associate, or otherwise.

§ 1-113. "Representation case" means the professional representation of any person, client or principal, with or without compensation, in any matter before any State agency where the action or non-action of the State agency involves the exercise of substantial discretion. However, the term shall not include inquiries for information or other services rendered in a legislative capacity on behalf of a constituent or other member of the public.

§ 1-114. "State agency" means any department, office, commission, board or authority within the Executive Department, and includes State-supported universities and colleges and the Illinois Building Authority.

§ 1-115. "Instrument of Ownership" means deeds, common or preferred stock certificates, rights, warrants, options, bills of sale, contracts, interests in proprietorships, partnerships and joint ventures, and beneficial interests in trusts or land trusts. (Added by Public Act 77-1806, approved January 24, 1972.)

§ 1-116. "Professional services" means services rendered in the practice of law, accounting, engineering, medicine, architecture, dentistry or clinical psychology. (Added by Public Act 77-1806, approved January 24, 1972.)

ARTICLE 2. RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES.

§ 2-101. No legislator may engage in lobbying, as that term is defined in Section 1-109, if he accepts compensation specifically attributable to such lobbying, other than that provided

by law for members of the General Assembly. Nothing in this Section prohibits a legislator from lobbying without compensation.

A violation of this Section shall constitute a Class A misdemeanor.

(Amended by Public Act 77-2830, effective January 1, 1973.)

§ 2-102. Repealed by Public Act 77-1806, approved January 24, 1972.

§ 2-103. No legislator may accept compensation, other than that provided by law for members of the General Assembly, for performance of his official legislative duties. No person, other than State officials or employees performing their duties in making payments to members of the General Assembly as provided by law, may pay or offer to pay any legislator any compensation for performance of his official legislative duties.

A violation of this Section is a petty offense.

(Amended by Public Act 77-2830, effective January 1, 1973.)

§ 2-104. No legislator may accept or participate in any way in any representation case, as that term is defined in Section 1-113, before (1) the Court of Claims of this State (2) before the Industrial Commission of this State, when the State of Illinois is the respondent.

This Section does not prohibit participation in such a representation case by a person with whom the legislator maintains a close economic association, unless the fact of that association is used to influence or attempt to influence the State agency in the rendering of its decision.

A violation of this Section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(Amended by Public Act 77-2830, effective January 1, 1973.)

ARTICLE 3. CODE OF CONDUCT.

PART 1. RULES OF CONDUCT FOR LEGISLATORS

§ 3-101. No legislator may solicit, accept, or agree to accept, gifts, loans, gratuities, discounts, favors, hospitality, or services having an aggregate value of \$100 or more in any calendar year from any one person known to have legislative inter-

ests, under circumstances from which it could reasonably be inferred that a major purpose of the donor is to influence him in the performance of his official duties.

This section does not apply to (1) any political contribution, in cash or in kind, if such contribution is actually used for political purposes; (2) the purchase of tickets to, or advertisements in journals for, political or testimonial dinners; or (3) a commercially reasonable loan made in the ordinary course of business.

§ 3-102. No legislator may accept any economic opportunity, under circumstances where he knows or should know that there is a substantial possibility that the opportunity is being afforded him with intent to influence his conduct in the performance of his official duties.

§ 3-103. No legislator may charge to or accept from a person known to have a legislative interest a price, fee, compensation or other consideration for the sale or lease of any property or the furnishing of services which is substantially in excess of that which the legislator would charge in the ordinary course of business.

§ 3-104. No legislator in order to further his own economic interests, or those of any other person, may disclose or use confidential information acquired in the course of his official duties.

§ 3-105. No legislator may accept a representation case where there is substantial reason for him to believe that it is being offered with intent to obtain improper influence over a State agency.

§ 3-106. No legislator may use or attempt to use improper means to influence a State agency in any representation case in which the legislator or any person with whom he maintains a close economic association is participating.

§ 3-107. No legislator may engage in other conduct which is unbecoming to a legislator or which constitutes a breach of public trust.

§ 3-108. Repealed by Public Act 77-1806, approved January 24, 1972.

PART 2. ETHICAL PRINCIPLES FOR LEGISLATORS

§ 3-201. Where feasible, and taking into account the fact that legislative service is part-time, a legislator should avoid accepting or retaining an economic opportunity which presents a substantial threat to his independence of judgment.

§ 3-202. When a legislator must take official action on a legislative matter as to which he has a conflict situation created by a personal, family, or client legislative interest, he should consider the possibility of eliminating the interest creating the conflict situation. If that is not feasible, he should consider the possibility of abstaining from such official action. In making his decision as to abstention, the following factors should be considered:

a. whether a substantial threat to his independence of judgment has been created by the conflict situation;

b. the effect of his participation on public confidence in the integrity of the legislature;

c. whether his participation is likely to have any significant effect on the disposition of the matter;

d. the need for his particular contribution, such as special knowledge of the subject matter, to the effective functioning of the legislature.

He need not abstain if he decides to participate in a manner contrary to the economic interest which creates the conflict situation.

If he does abstain, he should disclose that fact to his respective legislative body.

§ 3-203. When, despite the existence of a conflict situation, a legislator chooses to take official action on a matter, he should serve the public interest, and not the interest of any person.

§ 3-204. No legislator should accept a representation case unless he believes there is merit to the position he is asked to represent.

§ 3-205. A legislator participating in a representation case shall, wherever feasible, arrange for other persons to make appearances before the State agency.

§ 3-206. Sections 3-201 through 3-205 are intended only as guides to legislator conduct, and not as rules meant to be enforced by disciplinary action.

(Amended by Public Act 77-1806, approved January 24, 1972.)

PART 3. ETHICAL PRINCIPLES FOR PERSONS WITH LEGISLATIVE INTERESTS, AND FOR PERSONS WHO ARE CLOSE ECONOMIC ASSOCIATES OF LEGISLATORS.

§ 3-301. No person with a legislative interest should offer or confer an economic opportunity on a legislator with intent to influence that legislator's official conduct, or to create good will on the part of the legislator toward any person with a legislative interest. Those in positions of counsel to, or agents of, such persons should restrain them from violation of this ethical principle.

§ 3-302. No person with whom a legislator maintains a close economic association should accept an economic opportunity when he knows, or should know, of the substantial possibility that it is being offered with intent to influence that legislator's official conduct. Where feasible, a person with a close economic association with a legislator should also decline to accept an economic opportunity which presents a substantial threat to the legislator's independence of judgment.

§ 3-303. No person with whom a legislator maintains a close economic association should accept a representation case where there is substantial reason for him to believe that it is being offered with intent to obtain improper influence over a State agency.

§ 3-304. Sections 3-301 through 3-303 are intended only as guides to conduct, and not as rules meant to be enforced by penalties.

(Amended by Public Act 77-1806, approved January 24, 1972.)

ARTICLES 4, 5, 6 and 7.

(Repealed by Public Act 77-1806, approved
January 24, 1972.)

ARTICLE 4A. DISCLOSURE OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

(Added by Public Act 77-1806, approved
January 24, 1972.)

§ 4A-101. The following persons shall file verified written statements of economic interests, as provided in this Article:

(a) Members of the General Assembly and candidates for nomination or election to the General Assembly;

(b) Persons holding an elected office in the Executive Branch of this State or on the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, and candidates for nomination or election to these offices;

(c) Members of a Commission or Board created by the Illinois Constitution, and candidates for nomination or election to such Commission or Board;

(d) Persons whose appointment to office is subject to confirmation by the Senate;

(e) Holders of, and candidates for nomination or election to, the office of judge or associate judge of the Circuit Court and the office of judge of the Appellate or Supreme Court;

(f) Persons (except those primarily employed by the State in teaching as distinguished from administrative duties) who are compensated for services to the State as employees and not as independent contractors at the rate of \$20,000 per year or more, and are employed by any branch of the government of this State, including but not limited to, the Illinois Building Authority, the School Building Commission, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, the Illinois Housing Development Authority, the Illinois Educational Development Authority, and institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents, Board of Governors, Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, or the Junior College Board and other persons so employed who are compensated at a rate of less than \$20,000 per year for such employment, if they receive fees for professional services rendered for the State or any unit of local government or school district in such an amount that their total income from public employment, including such fees, is \$20,000 per year or more;

(g) Persons who are elected to an office in a school district or in a unit of local government as defined by the Illinois Constitution, and candidates for nomination or election to such office;

(h) Persons appointed to the governing board of a school district or of a special district and persons appointed to a zoning board, or zoning board of appeals, or to a regional, county or municipal plan commission;

(i) Persons who are employed by a school district or by any unit of local government as defined by the Illinois Constitution, and are compensated for services as employees and not as independent contractors at the rate of \$20,000 per year or more and other persons so employed who are compensated at a rate of less than \$20,000 per year for such employment, if they receive fees for professional services rendered for the State or any unit of local government or school district in such an amount that their total income from public employment, including such fees, is \$20,000 per year or more.

(Amended by Public Act 78-719, effective October 1, 1973.)

§ 4A-102. The statement of economic interests required by this Article shall include the economic interests of the person making the statement as provided in this Section. The interest (if constructively controlled by the person making the statement) of a spouse or any other party, shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the person making the statement. Campaign receipts shall not be included in this statement.

(a) The following interests shall be listed by all persons required to file:

(1) The name, address and type of practice of any professional organization or individual professional practice in which the person making the statement was an officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor, or served in any advisory capacity, from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year;

(2) The nature of professional services (other than services rendered to the unit of government in relation to which the person is required to file) and the nature of the entity to which they were rendered if fees exceeding \$5,000 were received during the preceding calendar year from the entity for professional services rendered by the person making the statement;

(3) The identity (including the address or legal description of real estate) of any capital asset from which a capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized in the preceding calendar year;

(4) The name of any unit of government which has employed the person making the statement during the preceding calendar year other than the unit of government in relation to which the person is required to file;

(5) The name of any entity from which a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$500, was received during the preceding calendar year.

(b) The following interests shall also be listed by persons listed in items (a) through (f) of Section 4A-101:

(1) The name and instrument of ownership in any entity doing business in the State of Illinois, in which an ownership interest held by the person at the date of filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value or from which dividends of in excess of \$1,200 were derived during the preceding calendar year. (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by street address, or if none, then by legal description). No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument need be listed;

(2) Except for professional service entities, the name of any entity and any position held therein from which income of in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year, if the entity does business in the State of Illinois. No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument need be listed;

(3) The identity of any compensated lobbyist with whom the person making the statement maintains a close economic association, including the name of the lobbyist and specifying the legislative matter or matters which are the object of the lobbying activity, and describing the general type of economic activity of the client or principal on whose behalf that person is lobbying.

(c) The following interests shall also be listed by persons listed in items (g), (h) and (i) of Section 4A-101:

(1) The name and instrument of ownership in any entity doing business with the unit of local government in relation

to which the person is required to file if the ownership interest of the person filing is greater than \$5,000 fair market value as of the date of filing or if dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received from the entity during the preceding calendar year. (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by street address or if none, then by legal description). No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument need be listed.

(2) Except for professional service entities, the name of any entity and any position held therein from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year if the entity does business with the unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file. No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument need be listed.

(3) The name of any entity and the nature of the governmental action requested by any entity which has applied to the unit of local government in relation to which the person must file for any license, franchise or permit for annexation, zoning or rezoning of real estate during the preceding calendar year if the ownership interest of the person filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value at the time of filing or if income or dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received by the person filing from the entity during the preceding calendar year.

(Added by Public Act 77-1806, approved January 24, 1972.)

§ 4A-103. The statement of economic interests required by this Article to be filed with the Secretary of State shall be verified, dated, and signed by the person making the statement and shall contain substantially the following:

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

(name)

(office or position of employment for which this statement is filed)

(address to which notification of an examination of this statement should be sent)

GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

The interest (if constructively controlled by the person making the statement) of a spouse or any other party, shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the person making the statement.

Campaign receipts shall not be included in this statement.

If additional space is needed, please attach supplemental listing.

1. List the name and instrument of ownership in any entity doing business in the State of Illinois, in which the ownership interest held by the person at the date of filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value or from which dividends in excess of \$1,200 were derived during the preceding calendar year. (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by street address, or if none, then by legal description.) No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument need be listed.

Business Entity

Instrument of Ownership

2. List the name, address and type of practice of any professional organization in which the person making the statement was an officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor or served in any advisory capacity, from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year.

Name	Address	Type of Practice
_____	_____	_____
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3. List the nature of professional services rendered (other than to the State of Illinois) to each entity from which income exceeding \$5,000 was received for professional services rendered during the preceding calendar year by the person making the statement.

4. List the identity (including the address or legal description of real estate) of any capital asset from which a capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized during the preceding calendar year.

5. List the identity of any compensated lobbyist with whom the person making the statement maintains a close economic association, including the name of the lobbyist and specifying the legislative matter or matters which are the object of the lobbying activity, and describing the general type of economic activity of the client or principal on whose behalf that person is lobbying.

Lobbyist	Legislative Matter	Client or Principal
_____	_____	_____
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6. List the name of any entity doing business in the State of Illinois from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year other than for professional services and the title or description of any position held in that entity. (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by street address, or if none, then by legal description). No time or demand deposit in a financial institution nor any debt instrument need be listed.

Entity

Position Held

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7. List the name of any unit of government which employed the person making the statement during the preceding calendar year other than the unit of government in relation to which the person is required to file.

8. List the name of any entity from which a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$500, was received during the preceding calendar year.

VERIFICATION:

"I declare that this statement of economic interests (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of my economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. I understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or incomplete statement shall be a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment."

_____	_____
(date of filing)	(signature of person making the statement)
(Added by Public Act 77-1806, approved January 24, 1972.)	

Sec. 4A-104. The statement of economic interests required by this Article to be filed with the county clerk shall be verified, dated, and signed by the person making the statement and shall contain substantially the following:

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

(name)

(office or position of employment for which this statement is filed)

(address to which notification of an examination of this statement should be sent)

GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

The interest (if constructively controlled by the person making the statement) of a spouse or any other party, shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the person making the statement.

Campaign receipts shall not be included in this statement.

If additional space is needed, please attach supplemental listing.

1. List the name and instrument of ownership in any entity doing business with the unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file, in which the ownership interest held by the person at the date of filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value or from which dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received during the preceding calendar year. (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by street address, or if none, then by legal description.) No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument shall be listed.

Business Entity	Instrument of Ownership	Position of Management
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2. List the name, address and type of practice of any professional organization in which the person making the statement was an officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor, or served in any advisory capacity, from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year.

Name	Address	Type of Practice
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. List the nature of professional services rendered (other than to the unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file) to each entity from which income exceeding \$5,000 was received for professional services rendered during the preceding calendar year by the person making the statement.

4. List the identity (including the address or legal description of real estate) of any capital asset from which a capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized during the preceding calendar year.

5. List the name of any entity and the nature of the governmental action requested by any entity which has applied to the unit of local government in relation to which the person must file for any license, franchise or permit for annexation, zoning or rezoning of real estate during the preceding calendar year if the ownership interest of the person filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value at the time of filing or if income or dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received by the person filing from the entity during the preceding calendar year.

6. List the name of any entity doing business with the unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year other than for professional services and the title or description of any position held in that entity. No time or demand deposit in a financial institution nor any debt instrument need be listed.

7. List the name of any unit of government which employed the person making the statement during the preceding calendar year other than the unit of government in relation to which the person is required to file.

8. List the name of any entity from which a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$500, was received during the preceding calendar year.

VERIFICATION:

"I declare that this statement of economic interests (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of my economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. I understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or incomplete statement shall be a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment."

(date of filing) (signature of person making the statement)
 (Added by Public Act 77-1806, approved January 24, 1972.)

§ 4A-105. Every person required to file by Section 4A-101 shall file an initial statement of economic interests by July 1, 1972 but no person is required to file under this Article before July 1, 1972.

By April 30 of each year after 1972 a statement must be filed by each person whose position at that time subjects him to the filing requirements of Section 4A-101 unless he has already filed a statement in relation to the same unit of government in that calendar year.

After July 1, 1972 statements must also be filed as follows:

(a) A candidate for elective office shall file his statement—before or at the time he takes the action*—necessary under the laws of this State to attempt to qualify for nomination, election, or retention to such office if he has not filed a statement in relation to the same unit of government within a year preceding such action.

(b) A person whose appointment to office is subject to confirmation by the Senate shall file his statement at the time his name is submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

(c) Any other person required by this Article to file the statement shall file a statement at the time of his initial appointment or employment in relation to that unit of government.

Any person who is required to file a statement of economic interests may effect one 30 day extension of his time for filing such a statement by filing with the officer with whom his statement is required to be filed, not more than 10 days before or 10 days after the date when his filing is otherwise due, a declaration of his intention to defer the filing of his statement of economic interests.

Any person who failed to make a timely filing of a statement of economic interests which was required to be filed before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1973 may satisfy the requirements of this Act by filing his statement of economic interests within 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1973. (30 days expired October 6, 1973.)

(This section amended by Public Acts 78-1, 78-330, 78-423, 78-552 and 78-629.)

* P.A. 78-330 states “. . . before or at the time he takes the action . . .”. P.A. 78-629 states “. . . not later than the end of the period during which he can take the action . . .”. However, the Election Code requires a candidate to have filed a statement of economic interests at the time of filing his petition.

§ 4A-106. The statements of economic interests required of persons listed in items (a) through (f) of Section 4A-101 shall be filed with the Secretary of State. The statements of economic interests required of persons listed in items (g), (h) and (i) of Section 4A-101 shall be filed with the county clerk of the county in which the person making the statement resides.

Any person who files or has filed a statement of economic interests under this Act is entitled to receive from the Secretary of State or county clerk, as the case may be, a receipt indicating that the person has filed such a statement, the date of such filing, and the identity of the governmental unit in relation to which the filing is required.

The Secretary of State may employ such employees and consultants as he considers necessary to carry out his duties hereunder, and may prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, and provide for reimbursement of their expenses.

All statements of economic interests filed under this Section shall be available for examination and copying by the public at all reasonable times. Each person examining a statement must first fill out a form prepared by the Secretary of State identifying the examiner by name, occupation, address and telephone number, and listing the date of examination and reason for such examination. The Secretary of State shall supply such forms to the county clerks annually and replenish such forms upon request.

The Secretary of State or county clerk, as the case may be, shall promptly notify each person required to file a statement under this Article of each instance of an examination of his statement by sending him a duplicate original of the identification form filled out by the person examining his statement. (Amended by Public Acts 78-255 and 78-629, effective October 1, 1973.)

§ 4A-107. Any person required to file a statement of economic interests under this Article who willfully files a false or incomplete statement shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

Failure to file a statement within the time prescribed shall result in ineligibility for, or forfeiture of, office or position of employment, as the case may be.

(Amended by Public Act 78-695, effective September 10, 1973.)

ARTICLE 8. SEVERABILITY.

(Added by Public Act 77-1806, approved
January 24, 1972.)

§ 8-101. If any provision of this Act or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

(Added by Public Act 77-1806, approved January 24, 1972.)

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Section 4 of Public Act 77-1806

§ 4. No existing right or remedy of any character shall be lost, impaired, or affected by reason of the enactment of this amendatory Act of 1972, nor shall the validity of any action taken by any person or entity under the law in force prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1972 be affected by the enactment of this amendatory Act of 1972.



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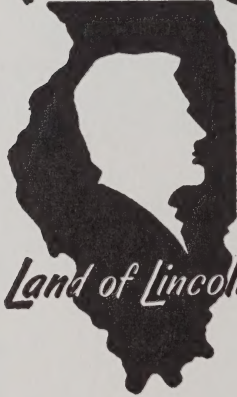
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